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1. U.S. COVERAGE IS MODERATE IN VOLUME. TONE IS MIXED.

--PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY SERGEY FILATOV USES STATISTICS TO SHOW INCREASED LABOR UNREST IN U.S. AND GROWTH OF ORGANIZED ACTIVITY BY WORKERS. FILATOV CONCLUDES BY CLAIMING THAT U.S. WORKERS ARE ALSO GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT ARMS RACE, PENTAGON BUDGET, ETC.

--V. KONDRASHOV ADDS A BIT OF SARCASM TO IZVESTIYA'S USUALLY VAPID "ON DIFFERENT MERIDIANS" TRAVEL COLUMN BY DESCRIBING CONDITIONS IN HAWAII WHICH HAD "HONOR" (ORIGINAL QUOTES) OF BECOMING 50TH STATE.

--COL. A. LEONT'EV HAS A MORE EGREGIOUSLY SARCASTIC ARTICLE IN KZ ON CASE OF U.S. SEAMAN MICHAEL BUTLER, CONVICTED OF KILLING A PHILIPPINE GIRL OVER A FIVE PESO DISPUTE. AFTER WORKING BUTLER OVER, LEONT'EV COMPARES HIS ACTION WITH THAT OF HIS BOSSES IN WASHINGTON WHO HAVE SOUGHT IN VAIN FOR A PHILIPPINE "JUDAS" TO TAKE THE SILVER WHICH THE U.S. HAS OFFERED FOR BASE RIGHTS.

--IZVESTIYA HAS A BRIEF NOTE ON PENTAGON "FORCING" DEVELOPMENT OF TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILE.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--PRAVDA SHARPLY ATTACKS SECDEF RUMSFELD FOR RAISING AT DPC QUESTION OF SPAIN JOINING NATO. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT YU. YASNOV IN BRUSSELS CLAIMS SECDEF AGGRAVATES A SITUATION IN EUROPE AND IGNORES "DECENT GESTURE" (DOBRIYZHEST) OF WP THAT NATO AND WP REFRAIN FROM ADMITTING NEW MEMBERS.

--SPAIN ALSO GETS PRAVDA PAGE ONE ATTENTION WITH STORY FROM MADRID ON SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY RESOLUTION SAYING U.S.-SPANISH BASE AGREEMENT, CONCLUDED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF SPANISH PEOPLE, THREATENS SPAIN'S SOVEREIGNTY.

--WALDHEIM ELECTION BY UNGA TO NEW TERM AS UNSGY RATES TWO SENTENCE REPORT TUCKED AWAY IN LOWER CORNER OF PAGE FOUR.

--GISCARD-TITO COMMUNIQUE FROM BELGRADE NOTEWORTHY, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, FOR LINKING DETENTE WITH FULFILLING HELSINKI FINAL ACT, EXTENDING DETENTE TO OTHER AREAS OF WORLD AND RESOLVING PRESENT CONFLICTS.

--PRAVDA AND KZ MENTION CONTINUED TALKS BETWEEN BREZHNEV, PODGORNYY, KOSYGIN, AND GROMYKO AND CHAIRMAN OF LIBYAN RCC QADHAFI. TASS ARTICLE DESCRIBES "EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS" ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM FROM THE ANGLE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"ACTIVIZATION OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE."

--KZ TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE MENTIONS FORTHCOMING MEETING OF PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN DAMASCUS.

--PRAVDA NOTES NOV 27-DEC 8 VISIT TO SOVIET UNION OF DELEGATION FROM IRAQI BAATH PARTY LED BY DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, NADIM AL'-YASIN.

--PRAVDA PRINTS WHAT APPEARS TO BE TEXT OF LETTER FROM

GROUP OF SOME 300 SOVIET JEWS WHO HAVE LEFT ISRAEL AND WHO ARE NOW STUCK IN OSTIA NEAR ROME. LETTER ITSELF WAS SENT TO UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SMUN, AND SOVIET EMBASSY IN ROME. LETTER ACCUSES ZIONISTS OF CONDUCTING MISLEADING CAMPAIGN TO ENTICE SOVIET JEWS FROM MOTHERLAND TO USE THEM AS "CANNON FODDER, CHEAP WORKING FORCE AND PAWNS IN DIRTY POLITICAL MACHINATIONS". ALLOWED TO LEAVE, SINCE "SOVIET UNION STRICTLY OBSERVES PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI ACT," THIS GROUP OF SOVIET JEWS NOW FINDS ITS POOR SITUATION IN ITALY EVEN WORSE THAN IT WAS IN ISRAEL SINCE WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE ABSOLUTELY UNINTERESTED IN HUMAN MISERY INVOLVED AND SINCE IT IS "IMPOSSIBLE" TO RETURN TO SOVIET UNION.

--F. TARASOV WRITES IN PRAVDA ON RETURN OF IAN SMITH TO GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA. TARASOV SAYS RACISTS HAD BLOCKED NEGOTIATIONS ON POINT CONCERNING DATE OF INDEPENDENCE AND NOW HAVE UNDERTAKEN A SERIES OF MANEUVERS TO FOIST ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN ON THE AFRICANS. AMONG THESE MANEUVERS IS A SERIES OF PUNITIVE RAIDS WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, RESULTED IN RECENT KILLING OF SEVERAL CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA NOTE THE SIGNING IN HAVANA OF A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CUBA AND ANGOLA.

--PRAVDA ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE FOR LUANDA OF SOVIET DEL, LED BY FIRST SECRETARY, VORONEZH OBKOM, V.N. IGNATOV. PURPOSE IS TO ATTEND CEREMONIES ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF MPLA.

--IZVESTIYA NOTES MEETING BETWEEN MINFONTRADE PATOLICHEV AND ZAIRIAN STATE COMMISSIONER FOR TRADE D. KUGBETERO (PHONETIC).

--V. VINOGRADOV IN KZ AND YU. BANDURA IN IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" COLUMN BOTH DESCRIBE SHIFT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEFT IN JAPANESE POLITICAL SCENE. PRAVDA NOTES JAPANESE PM MIKI'S DECISION TO RETIRE.

--IZVESTIYA MENTIONS MEETING BETWEEN DEP CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ARKHIPOV AND INDIAN MIN PETROLEUM MALAVIYA. KZ NOTES VISIT OF FLEET ADMIRAL GORSHKOV TO INDIA AND SRI LANKA.

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